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POLISH CLASS ON DISPLAY

While Rudi Gutendorf's Young Australia is "roughing it" in Rio's fabled Copacabana beach, in readiness for the FIFA/Coca-Cola World Cup matches, the Rudi-made Australian XI will meet the brilliant Polish Wisla Krakow in Sydney on Sunday.

Although the Poles have arrived without the fanfare which in the past had heralded much more pedestrian overseas visitors, they are, without any doubt, the strongest club side to tour here since perhaps the great Santos.

With four current internationals in their ranks, Wisla is expected to be too skilled and experienced for our Australian XI.

No other country has risen to world stardom more dramatically

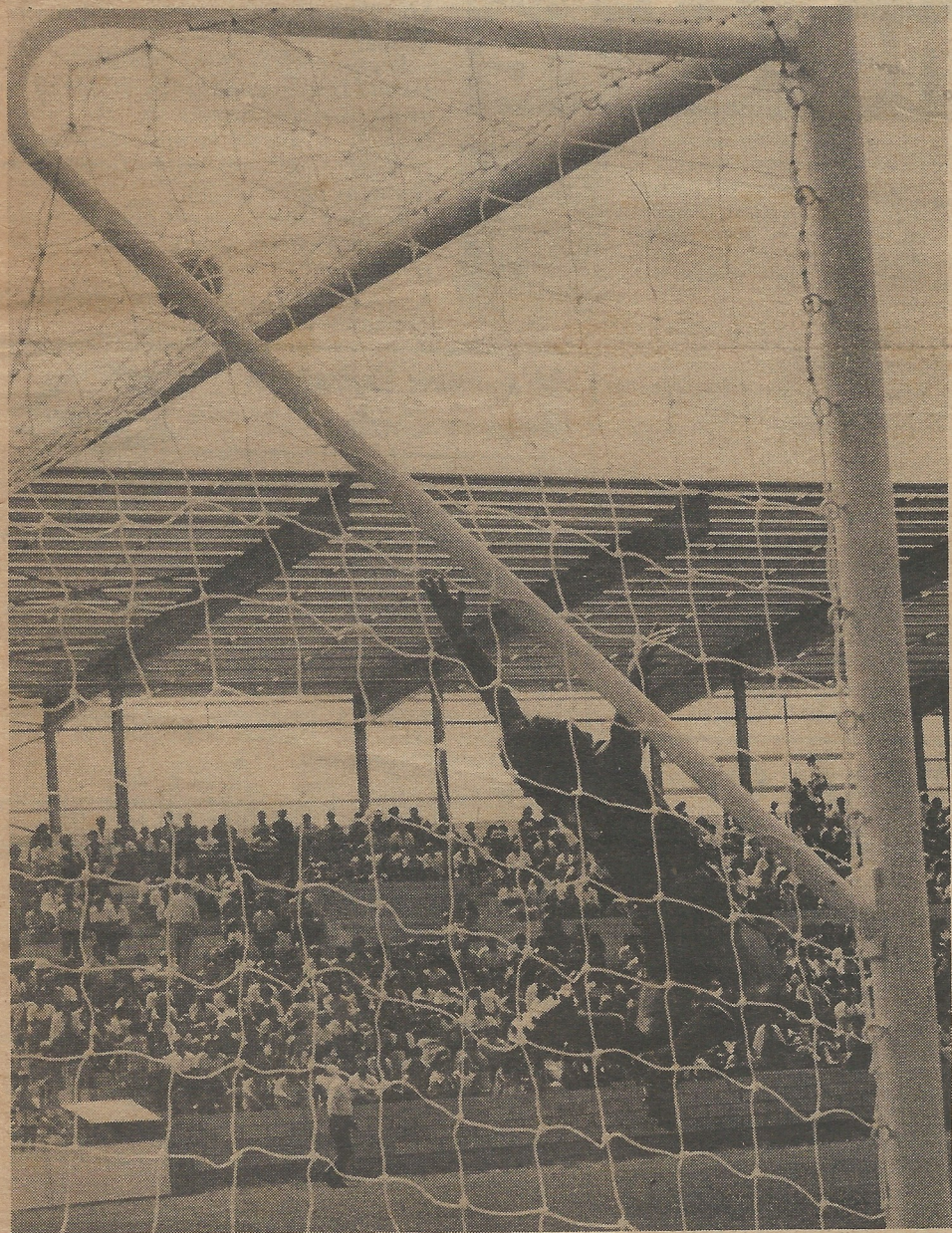
than Poland in the past six or seven years.

If Wisla's style at least resembles that of their national team, Sydney fans will be delighted.

The Poles play a modern, swift, pulsating game with crisp passes, interchanges and fierce shots.

Against such an opponent, even a modest result would be quite acceptable.

• For details and pictures about Wisla, see pages 2 and 3.



Part of the superb new grandstand at St George's Barton Park stadium, during last Monday's Ampol Cup. Roofing, the installation of 4000 seats and the building of a row of VIP boxes, press facilities and restaurants is proceeding. When completed in March or April, Barton Park will be the showpiece of Sydney soccer.

AMPOL A HIT

No doubt largely due to the return of the five PSL teams, this year's NSW Ampol Cup is shaping like a success.

Attendances have been good — but could have been even better had the venues been chosen with more foresight.

In the majority of games, the standard of soccer has been surprisingly high.

The PSL teams may in the end prove too strong for their State League counterparts — but the

gap in standards isn't as wide as many had expected.

In fact, Marconi have managed to win only one of their three matches so far while the others have had to fight for most of their narrow wins against the "minnows."

After this Wednesday's half-round, the Cup will resume on

Saturday and Sunday, February 10 and 11.

This week Wednesday's games:

Toongabbie v Avala and APIA v Sydney City, at Marconi Oval, 7.30 and 9.15 pm; Revesby v Olympic and Marrickville v Auburn at Garside Park, 7.30 and 9.15 pm.

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Polish club superb background "POLSKA" ARRIVES



"Polska, Polska..." So went the chant of a few thousand delighted Polish expatriates one 1973 evening in London's hallowed Wembley.

Minutes earlier, almost miraculously, the Poland team held England to a 1-1 draw and thus qualified for the 1974 World Cup finals.

Miraculously — because the Poles survived the greatest siege since Stalingrad, with England throwing everything at them for most of the 90 minutes.

Although a year earlier Poland had won the Olympic title at Munich, it was their Wembley performance which brought them into world focus.

Some of the London Press — not atypically — belittled Poland's effort, ascribing the draw to, variously, Tomaszewski's breathtaking display in goal, or sheer bad luck.

Not quite a year later Poland proved itself in the World Cup: in fact, they were the true revelation of the series.

Just like Italy four years later, they played the best stuff in the first round — then ran out of steam, almost as if they hadn't prepared for the possibility of playing seven games.

In the end, Poland finished third — their best ever result — and the world quickly learnt the names of Deyna, Lato, Gadocha, Tomaszewski, Gorgon, Szarmach, Szymanowski, Musial and others.

At last year's World Cup, in Argentina, Poland couldn't reach their 1974 form.

But regardless of the Mundial results, Poland is now established as one of the major soccer powers in the world; possibly a shade behind Holland but certainly on par with Italy, West Germany and England.

To have their current champion club team in Australia is a great delight and rare honor.

• Picture at left shows Poland in Argentina.

Aussie XI Poland elite

Will Rudi Gutendorf's maximum expectation of a score draw prove unobtainable in Sydney's Australian XI v Wisla clash at Sydney Sports Ground?

It is early days to expect the Australian XI to be fully match fit.

In fact, coach Les Scheinflug has had to drop Sebastian Giampaolo, Ken Boden and Ian Stone from his squad because he is not

certain that they have not yet fully knuckled down to training.

His assistant, Raul Blanco, saw Polish club Wisla in Europe on his recent trip and vouches for their speed and fitness.

The game comes at a similar stage of the year to the 1975 tour by their compatriots, Legia Warsaw, with Australia achieving a 2-2 result with goals from Jimmy Rooney and Gary Manuel.

If the soccer public realise that Wisla's stars can do everything that Deyna, Cmikiewicz, Nowak and Dobrowski did for Legia, then the excellent 15,000 crowd of 1975 should be exceeded.

For Australia — as for caretaker coach Les Scheinflug — the match is all about producing one or two players who can stand the nerve-racking pace of international football and can go on to World Cup honours.

If Scheinflug finds men who lack the necessary dedication he must say so when he reports to Gutendorf on his return from Young Australia's World Youth Tournament games.

The possibility that Kevin Mullen will not be fit could give West Adelaide's 21-year-old back Vic Bozanic the chance to step into the defence. Bozanic could be a Col Curran in the making.

Tony Henderson has the chance to make a defensive position his own, and Steve O'Connor could be somewhat similarly placed.

John O'Shea has started the season impressively. He has the attributes to claim a national team place.

The likely forwards, Peter Sharpe, Mark Jankovics and Phil O'Connor have not been entirely convincing in the Ampol Cup, but this is their big chance to shine.

TS Wisla Krakow of Poland, quarterfinalists in this year's European Champions' Cup, are one of the best credentialled team to visit Australia.

"Wisla" is the name of the river that flows through the ancient university and cathedral city — from where Pope John Paul II hails.

The club was founded in 1906, one of the very first in Poland.

Over the years they have won the league title six times — the last in the 1977-78 season.

There is little doubt that with several current full internationals in their ranks, Wisla Krakow represents the elite of Polish soccer.

And that elite now belongs to the top echelons of world soccer.

Poland won the 1972 Olympic title and finished third in the 1974 World Cup.

In 1978 they reached the second round in Argentina.

Since about 1971, their rise to the top has been spectacular.

Generally speaking the leading Polish teams play a fast, energetic yet superbly skilful soccer based on rapid interchanges, balls played into open spaces and powerful shooting.

This is the type of finishing we can expect from players like Nawalka, Iwan, Kapka as well as Maculewicz, a forceful, overlapping defender.

Normally Wisla plays in red and blue.

This is their match program in Australia:

Sunday, February 4: In Sydney v Australian XI.

Wednesday February 7: In Brisbane v Queensland.

Saturday, February 10: In Melbourne v Victoria.

Tuesday, February 13: In Adelaide v South Australia.



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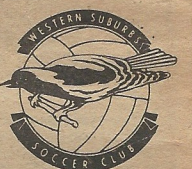
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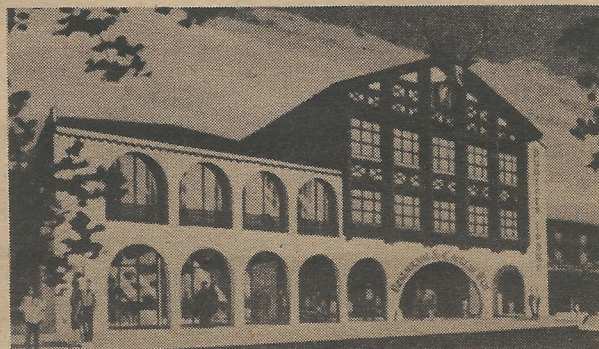
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WISLA SQUAD STAR-STUDDDED

Four of the visiting Wisla Krakow (Poland) players appeared for their country in the 1978 World Cup finals.

Antoni Szymanowski, 28, a right fullback, appeared in all six matches, taking his international tally for 1978 to 14 full caps and a total close to 75.

Henry Maculewicz, 28, played in five of the Mundial games, usually at the left fullback position.

Other stars of Wisla include:

- Adam Nawalka, 21, with five World Cup finals matches, a midfielder;

- Andrzej Iwan, 19, a striker, who played against Mexico and Tunisia in the Mundial;

- Zdzislaw Kapka, 24, striker, who was in the original World Cup squad of 40 but didn't make it to Argentina.

Szymanowski, Kapka, Adam Musial and Kazimierz Kmiecik were all in the Poland World Cup squad in 1974 in West Germany.

In fact, Musial, 30, was one of the best defenders in the 1974 World Cup.

Kapka substituted for Szarmach in the match for third place against Brazil, while Kmiecik played against Sweden as a striker.

This is believed to be the Wisla squad:

- Kazimierz Kmiecik, 27, striker, 27 A internationals, 25 B internationals, 25 junior internationals.

- Zdzislaw Kapka, 24, striker, 8 A internationals, 21 B internationals, 22 junior internationals.

- Henryk Maculewicz, 28, defender, 20 A internationals, 10 B internationals.

- Henryk Szymanowski, 26, striker, B international.

- Adam Nawalka, 21, striker, 16 A internationals.

- Andrzej Iwan, 19, striker, one A international, 22 junior internationals.



Henryk Maculewicz

- Zbigniew Plaszewski, 27, midfielder, 2 A internationals, 28 B internationals, 22 junior internationals.

- Stanislaw Gonet, 29, goalkeeper, B international.

- Leszek Lipka, 20, striker, B international.

- Antoni Szymanowski, 28, midfielder, 72 A internationals, 26 B internationals, 9 junior internationals.

- Krzysztof Budka, 20, stopper.

- Jan Jalocho, 21, midfielder.

- Michal Wrobel, 21, midfielder.

- Kazimierz Gazda, 24, midfielder.

- Marek Motyka, 20, defender.

- Janusz Krupinski, 20.

- Janusz Adamczyk, 25, goalkeeper.

- Andrzej Targosz, 21.

- Adam Musial, 30, defender, mneti A international.

- Roman Plewniak, 20.

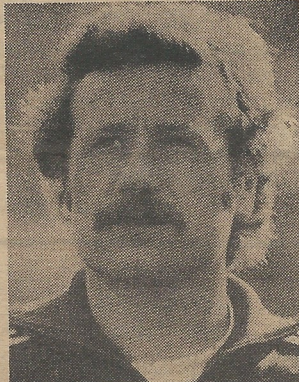
- Leszek Pawlikowski, 21.



The two Wisla defenders, A. Szymanowski and Maculewicz (right) fighting it out with West German striker Fischer in the 1978 World Cup match in Buenos Aires.



Adam Nawalka



Andrzej Szymanowski

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Some tough training sessions conducted by coach Alan Vest and his assistant Frank Campbell have given the Newcastle United players a glimpse of the arduous road to top fitness required for the coming Philips Soccer League season.

Newcomers from England, Ian Seddon, David Jones and Graham Heys kept pace with the local players in the extremely humid conditions.

With the unfortunate demise of the Youth League, coach Vest finds himself with a surfeit of players, whom he expects to farm out to clubs in the Northern NSW first division competition.

But the battle for the first team places will undoubtedly be fiercely fought.

In addition to the three English

players, Jim McBreen has joined the club from local championship side Edgeworth Eagles.

McBreen has been one of the North's top personality players over the past two seasons and he is anxious to secure a first team place.

Former Sydney Olympic player Joe Senkalski is also likely to be given a better opportunity this season.

A cloud of doubt still hangs over the future of reserve 'keeper Ossie Bellamy.

Bellamy was on loan for \$750 the Newcastle United from Weston Bears last season.

Part of the agreement with the Weston club is understood to be that should his services be required again in 1979 that a

transfer fee of \$3000 would be involved.

However, the fee is high and Bellamy is expected to lodge an appeal with the Northern NSW Soccer Federation disputes panel to have the transfer sum reduced to an acceptable level.

Teenage midfielder Malcolm McClelland, the Under-19 Australian squad member who was sacked by Rudi Gottendorf, has still to sign.

Some further ratification of his contract is necessary.

Newcastle will play their first fullscale trial match against St. George on February 11, followed by the Prime Minister's Cup clash against Canberra City on March 4, both to be played in Newcastle. —M. Hay

VETERAN STAR



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Marrickville v Auburn	9.00pm	Garside Park

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Australian XI v Wisla Krakow (Poland)	4.00pm	Sportsground
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NEXT WEEK:

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Marconi v Arncliffe	7.30pm	Marconi Oval
Monaro v Sutherland	9.15pm	Marconi Oval
Revesby v Yugal	7.30pm	Garside Park
Olympic v Auburn	9.15pm	Garside Park

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Ku-ring-gai v Sydney City	2.15pm	Garside Park
APIA v Avala	4.00pm	Garside Park
Manly v Melita	2.15pm	Barton Park
Croatia v Granville	4.00pm	Barton Park

BANKSTOWN 2 (1)

BANKSTOWN: Greedy, Thompson, C. Rootsey, Lembryk, Williams (Tansley 45m), Gauld, Angelopoulos, Lee, Butler (Peck 73m), K. Rootsey, Daley.

Goals: 0-1 Butcher (5m), 1-1 Lembryk (44m), 2-1 C. Rootsey (86m).
Referee: B. Fowler. **Crowd:** 982 (double-header).

ARNCLIFFE 1 (1)

ARNCLIFFE: Kotzohambros, D. Butler, Hall, Butcher (Martin 46m), Smart, Guildea, Piggott, Bankhead (Baker 46m), Blackburn, Sidey, Tracey.

This match was not played at a standard up to the capabilities of the players, apart from the honest enthusiasm shown by some of the youngsters. Both teams continually failed to put their game together. All three goals came from defenders, and two of them were set in motion by elementary errors. Matt Guildea, who has been playing on the Central Coast, made a comeback to Sydney football, but it is too early to judge

whether he has retained his old guile. Scots' coach Kaz Kulak will need his thinking cap to find an aggressive striker or target man to produce some goals, and in spite of Bankstown's earlier success in the promotion play-off, their trio of Gerry Mestrum, Mal O'Neill and Roger Bamforth will need to do the same if they are to produce goals and keep up the table when the premiership starts.
— R. Dewick

MARCONI 1 (0)

MARCONI: Maher, Degney, Brogan, Russell, Prskalo, Henderson, Selvage, Vieri (Santolin 73m), Jankovics, Mariani, Sharne.

Goals: 0-1 Meades (44m), 1-1 Vieri (46m), 1-2 Beggs (86m).
Referee: H. Witschge. **Crowd:** 982 (double-header).

SUTHERLAND 2 (1)

SUTHERLAND: Craggs, Tasker, Wykes, Watkiss, Dal Forno, Schumann, Stoddart, Meades, Beggs, Basterfield, Murphy (Rogers 85m).

This was a match not really won by Sutherland, but rather lost by Marconi. They missed more than a dozen chances in the first half, during which they had 70 per cent of the play. Full credit must go to the defensive work put in by Sutherland, but had Mark Jankovics and Peter Sharne put the ball into the net from their opportunities before halftime then the match would have been all over. In the

end it was only a remarkably poor backpass which allowed Peter Beggs to snatch the winner when everything appeared to be going Marconi's way. After Roberto Vieri left with an injury it became apparent that their mainspring had been removed, especially as Tony Henderson looked unhappy in his midfield role.
— R. Dewick

MANLY 2 (1)

MANLY: Cassettari, Mouttet, Doyle, Dick, Harpur, Geoghegan, Roozendaal, Jack, Banks (Nuwalu 76m), Burchett, Stuart 4.

Goals: 1-0 Burchett (5m), 2-0 Banks (65m), 2-1 Gauchi (75m).
Referee: K. Small. **Crowd:** 1169 (double-header).

GRANVILLE 1 (0)

GRANVILLE: Hoare, Baron, Bigland, Barker, Lackey, Slater (Rodger 60m), Gauci, Forwood, McGrath, Fraser, Walden.

The score is hardly an indication of the truth, as despite the odd goal difference, Manly had a very easy win over an out-of-condition Granville. Manly dictated play right from the start, were in the lead within five minutes, and were never in danger of even losing a point. Rouli Roozendaal, John Dick and David Jack made sure of that by winning a vastly superior share of the ball in midfield and cutting off any chance of Granville

staging a comeback. Seventeen-year-old winger Rob Stuart showed tremendous talent with his speed and accurate passes and whenever he touched the ball Granville were in trouble. With better finishing Manly could have won this game by a much bigger margin. Granville will benefit from this game but they seemed a long way from peak fitness, and will need a crash training program if they are to win a match in this competition.
— C. Spiteri

ST. GEORGE 2 (2)

ST. GEORGE: Fraser, Harris, M. O'Shea, J. O'Shea, Utjesenovic, Grosse, Duarte, Cotton, R. O'Shea, O'Connor, Morgan (Gnarvi 72m).

Goals: 1-0 J. O'Shea (42m), 2-0 O'Connor (44m).
Referee: A. Boskovic. **Crowd:** 1169 (double-header).

MELITA 0 (0)

MELITA: Bracklow, Ververis, Mikas, Yamine, Hadley (McPherson 55m), Darvall, McGovern, McAusland, Jones, R. Farrugia, J. Farrugia (Parker 46m).

A 10-minute lapse in concentration just before half-time cost Melita dearly — defeat at the hands of St. George on Wednesday night. Until that lapse, on which St. George pounced hammering two quick goals in a space of two minutes, Melita took the professionals on with a great degree of success. The teams turned on a top game of entertaining soccer with midfielders John O'Shea and Brendan Grosse for St. George engaged in a tremendous battle with Melita's Vernon Darvall and Colin McAusland. St. George

showed that extra touch of professionalism when they quickly capitalised on Melita's temporary weakness to snatch victory. Phil O'Connor, never allowed any room to move, scored a copybook goal squeezing the ball between 'keeper and post in great style. For Melita, Ray Farrugia has come a long way since last year and he looked set for a great season, which should give the Eagles a great boost to their fire power up front.
— C. Spiteri



GROUP A

	W	D	L	F	A	P
APIA	2	—	—	5	2	4
Sydney City	1	—	—	3	1	2
Avala	—	1	—	1	1	1
Ku-ring-gai	—	1	1	2	4	1
Toongabbie	—	—	2	2	5	—

GROUP B

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Marconi	1	1	1	7	3	3
Sutherland	1	1	—	4	3	3
Bankstown	1	1	1	4	8	3
Monaro	—	2	—	3	3	2
Arncliffe	—	1	1	3	4	2

GROUP C

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Auburn	1	—	—	2	—	2
Olympic	1	—	—	2	1	2
Yugol	—	—	1	3	3	2
Marrickville	—	1	1	3	4	1
Revesby	—	1	1	2	4	1

GROUP D

	W	D	L	F	A	P
St. George	3	—	—	9	2	6
Croatia	1	—	1	3	3	2
Melita	1	—	1	2	2	2
Manly	1	—	2	4	6	2
Granville	—	—	2	2	7	—

Newcastle's new boss

Harley Dickson, former Northern NSW Federation president, was last Thursday appointed president of Newcastle United. He replaces Max Talbot, now secretary-manager of Canberra City's licensed club.

The trust which controls Newcastle's International Sports Centre expects to close the ground for renovations next summer.

The arena will become a rectangular area suitable for football, with walkways and huge embankments on the sides away from the stand.

Spectators will be brought close to the field.

The improvements will be completed over three years, and cricket will have its own field in a separate position.

Upon acceptance of Australia as the venue for the 1981 Coca-Cola World Youth Cup finals, government funds could hasten up progress to make it the centre for some of the biggest drawing matches.



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AMPOL CUP 1979



APIA 3 (0)

APIA: McQuire, Skellern, Ankudinoff, Carruthers, Wilson, Turnbull, Drewes, Butler (Samuels 75m), Scott, O'Donnell, Vernon.

Goals: 0-1 Birchell (4m), 1-1 Scott (65m), 2-1 Samuels (75m), 3-1 Carruthers (90m).
Referee: G. Warne. **Crowd:** 636 (double-header).

KU-RING-GAI 1 (1)

KU-RING-GAI: Ellis, Turner, Birchell, Millen, Robertson, Malone, Lyall (Lee 70m), Chambers (Geekie 46m), Kinsey, Voudsen, Smith.

Ku-ring-gai must consider themselves unlucky to lose to APIA. They led for 65 minutes, but came to grief due to some almost inexplicable refereeing decisions. Ku-ring-gai's goal came from defender John Bitchell after David McQuire had failed to hold a Scott Lyall corner. For the next hour star-studded APIA were held scoreless, and then red-haired Andy Scott nodded home John Vernon's corner for an

equaliser. Ku-ring-gai fought back, but hopes went down the drain when substitute Mark Samuels scored the second despite appeals for a foul by Ku-ring-gai. There was also a lot of contention when Ku-ring-gai found themselves on the losing side in a penalty decision. Eric Carruthers despatched in a winner for a final 3-1 score-line.
— S. Mutimer

SYDNEY CITY 3 (2)

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano, Souness, Trenter, O'Connor (Illingworth 50m), Kershaw, Stevenson, Barnes, Campbell, Watson, Smith, Silva (Gomez 46m).

Goals: 1-0 Smith (1m), 2-0 Silva (11m), 2-1 Pollard (25m), 3-1 Souness (51m).
Referee: T. Boskovic. **Crowd:** 636 (double-header).

TOONGABBIE 1 (1)

TOONGABBIE: James, Finch, Pointer, Parkhouse, Taylor, Hormazabal, Pena, Cuk, Izatt, Ortega (Benito de Valle 75m), Pollard.

Sydney City were in complete charge of the match apart from the last 25 minutes of the first half. They directed play and had the Demons chasing the ball around the park. City opened scoring in the first minute when Terry Smith volleyed a hard shot past goalkeeper Bruce James following a cross by Hilton Silva. Next it was Silva scoring from an overhead shot from Joe Watson's cross. City eased off,

and then Gabbie's Nicky Hormazabal's through-ball was slipped by Steve Pollard right under goalkeeper Nick Pezzano. City sealed the game when Ian Souness scored from Steve O'Connor's freekick. Toongabbie played former Yugal player Peter Cuk, whom they signed just before the game.
— S. Mutimer

BANKSTOWN 2 (0)

BANKSTOWN: Greedy, Thompson, C. Rootsey, Morrison, Lembryk, Angelopoulos (Quigley 62m), Gauld, Butler, Tansley, Daley, Mason.

Goals: 0-1 Beggs (26m), 0-2 Murphy (43m), 1-2 Butler (83m), 2-2 Tansley (86m). **Crowd:** 2561 (double-header).

SUTHERLAND 2 (2)

SUTHERLAND: Craggs, Tasker, Wykes, Smith, Dal Forno, Schumann, Stoddart, Meades, Beggs, Basterfield, Murphy.

Although they had John Lee, Eric Williams and Greg Lynch out on the day Bankstown somehow managed to come back and take Sutherland apart over the final 10 minutes to gain an unexpected draw. It was Sutherland who had the better of the play, although at no time did Bankstown let them have it their own way. John Stoddart entered into the early play and worried the Towns with some clever runs down the wing. He moved the ball across to Peter Beggs in the 26th

minute, giving Beggs the chance to sink the first goal. Just on halftime Beggs' cross found 20-year-old Tony Murphy, who slid a goal under 'keeper Terry Greedy. It seemed to be the Shire's game, and then George Butler netted one from 10 metres out with seven minutes remaining, and Dave Tansley finished off Derek Mason's lead up three minutes later.
— K. Gilmour

MARCONI 1 (1)

MARCONI: Maher, Jones, Brogan, Russell, Prskalo, Degney, Henderson, Selva, Jankovics, Mariani, Sharne.

Goals: 1-0 Henderson (42m), 1-1 Trajanoski (61m).
Referee: P. Rampley. **Crowd:** 2561 (double-header).

MONARO 1 (0)

MONARO: Palec, Heywood (Ramos 52m), De Paoli, O'Neil, Venturelli, Foy, Bourke, Giampaolo, Trajanoski, Arispon (T. Morsello 52m), J. Morsello.

Playing with a tonne of courage and almost as much skill, Monaro held the Marconi hordes at bay to record a prestige-building 1-1 result. It took a superb on-line clearance by Venturelli to save Jankovics' shot which appeared a winner, and they were a little lucky when Henderson's drive shook the upright. These were just two of the incidents as Marconi piled on the second half pressure. At one stage talented Phil Foy took a clearance from out near the corner

flag, and had his own goalkeeper Laurie Pelec scrambling to cover the ball! Paul Degney caused trouble in the first half without scoring and it was left to Tony Henderson to net with a left-foot 30-metre drive that swept inside the crossbar. Henderson had an unusual game, at times distributing well and at others using some clever footwork to keep blasting away at the Monaro goal.
— K. Gilmour

REVESBY 0 (0)

REVESBY: Donovan, Adams, K. Thorpe, Copas, Pitman, Patterson, Prior, Watson, Gill, Byles, Howard (Power 36m).

Goals: 0-1 Hamilton (20m), 0-2 Hill (24m).
Referee: R. Graham. **Crowd:** 834 (double-header).

AUBURN 2 (2)

AUBURN: Gisbourne, Cornett, Woods, Glen Fairclough, Gary Fairclough, Hill, Hogg, Hamilton (McCreanor 58m), Tilt, Sundstrom, Blundell (Juchneiwicz 36m).

Willie Hamilton was Auburn's trump card, as he scored one goal and a hand in the other in the first 24 minutes. Revesby came back hard after halftime and applied pressure, with Greg Byles smashing one on to the crossbar in the 51st minute. Auburn goalkeeper Ron Gisbourne was called upon for two first class saves shortly afterwards, one from Byles and the other from Glen Patterson. About this stage Hamilton went off with a badly swollen right knee, and there is little

doubt that it will be a couple of weeks before he can resume. Hamilton's goal was a freak effort. His full-blooded shot hit the post, wavered along the line, hit a tuft of grass and went in! The other goal came when Hamilton swept the ball across from the left. Ron Hill went up for a rocketing header, with the ball screaming through Dennis Donovan's hands as he attempted to hold it on the dive.
— K. Gilmour

MARRICKVILLE 1 (1)

MV OLYMPIC: Evans, Kable, Thompson, Penman, Sheldrick, Zeros (Triantafyllis 76m), Williams (G. Brown 83m), Balafas, R. Brown, Bryden, Ramisch.

Goals: 1-0 Bryden (32m), 1-1 Tanoski (52m), 1-2 Karanfilovski (75m).
Referee: H. Witschge. **Crowd:** 834 (double-header).

YUGAL 2 (0)

YUGAL: Berry, Radovic, Nitya (Stamenkovic 87m), Prgomelja, Novakovic, Purac, Mihajlovic, Tanoski, Gallifuoco, Travini, Karenfilovski (Rodas 89m).

Some nice through-balls from Dusan Purac, good running and a goal apiece from Stan Tanoski and Branko Karanfilovski turned the tables on Olympic in an entertaining match. Olympic enjoyed a goal advantage at halftime after Jim Bryden pounced to slam home a good shot in the 32nd minute. Even Olympic coach Jim Gallagher had his doubts whether one goal was enough, as Garside Park so often produces a downfield easterly that is worth a goal to

whoever runs with it, and it was Yugal's turn. Bryden had the chance to sew it up in the 38th and 53rd minutes and on the second occasion he missed an open goal. Wayne Evans and Norm Penman saved their team from likely goals, but then Stan Tanoski flighted a glorious left foot drive on the turn for an equaliser. Karanfilovski gave Yugal victory by capping a steady build-up with a run through the centre and an unstoppable shot.
— K. Gilmour

CROATIA 3 (1)

CROATIA: Watson, A. Kovacic, Cagali, Basic (Vidiac 45m), G. Smith, Mullen, Sullivan, Savor, Abonyi, M. Kovacic, Cootes (Dudarc 68m).

Goals: 0-1 Banks (10m), 1-1 Sullivan (43m), 2-1 Abonyi (65m), 3-1 Mouttet (88m o.g.).
Referee: G. Power. **Crowd:** 3500.

MANLY 1 (1)

MANLY: Cassettari, Mouttet, Doyle, Dick, Harpur, Geoghegan, Roozendaal, West (Riley 53m), Banks, Jack, Stuart.

Croatia looked decidedly uneasy against the bustling Manly for most of this match and it was not until the last half hour that they showed any authority. Manly played simple football during the first period, with Jack and Stuart causing enough trouble to put Croatia out of rhythm. The champions lacked a creative, dominant midfield, and as a result the attack was patchy, relying heavily upon Abonyi and Sullivan to create for Kovacic. As Manly tired in the second half Croatia took control, and following on Sullivan's

equaliser Abonyi scored a classy goal to give his side the lead. Cagali was far more useful than in the latter stages of 1978, roaming upfield to help in attack, and occasionally letting fly with some tremendous shots. However, Croatia seem to have lost a little of the gloss they had two seasons ago, and don't look as formidable as before. Manly, after looking surprisingly fit for 45 minutes fell apart, and with better conditioning could be a useful outfit in 1979.
— S. Dettre

ST GEORGE 5 (3)

ST GEORGE: Coe, Harris, Utjesenovic, M. O'Shea, Grosse, R. O'Shea, Durate, J. O'Shea, Cotton, Morgan (Barton 45m), O'Connor.

Goals: 1-0 O'Connor (34m), 2-0 Duarte (36m), 3-0 Cotton (43m), 3-1 McGrath (60m), 4-1 J. O'Shea (74m), 5-1 O'Connor (82m).
Referee: G. King. **Crowd:** 3500 (double-header).

GRANVILLE 1 (0)

GRANVILLE: Hoare, Baron, Biglands, O'Maye, Lackey, Forwood, McGrath, Slater, Gauci, Fraser, Waldron (Moorcroft 72m).

Five brilliantly conceived and executed goals were the downfall of a spirited and drab Granville as St. George gave proof positive that they are on the comeback trail. Roy Cotton gave a masterful display in the heart of the Saints attack, supplying Duarte and O'Connor with a stream of brilliant balls from which to feed, as well as striking forward himself. O'Connor and Duarte formed a great two-pronged wing attack for Saints, speeding past the disorganised Granville

defenders to set up three goals. One failing was the lack of a definite midfield for St. George, and one wonders what would have happened had the strikers not had to do the groundwork as well. The last two Saints goals were the finest of the afternoon, with a glorious 25 metre shot from John O'Shea and a dazzling double passing move resulting in O'Connor heading home from five metres.
— S. Dettre

Brisbane

The close season has seen the Philips Cup holders finally realise that they are in a new kind of ball game, and after two years of aimlessly blundering on have begun to plan and organise for the campaign ahead.

There is no argument against the importance of the Italian influence on Australian soccer and City now appear to be gearing up so that they can exploit this influencing factor.

Changes have taken place where they were needed most, in administration, and at the top, new president, restaurateur Gino Merlo has, with great efficiency, already procured extremely lucrative sponsorship from a wine company.

Another new face, treasurer Sergio Martini, has been charged with the task of ensuring the money is channelled into making City's home ground and environs capable of staging PSL football.

To aid him in this task a special planning committee has been set up with prominent figures in the business community having to get the improvements from the planning stage into reality.

All this good backroom work has resulted in a new wave of enthusiasm within the club and there is no doubt Marconi's Bossley Park will become a model for the hard-working Italian community in Brisbane.

On the playing side ex-supremo Nereo Saftich has committed himself to an unbroken stint of service for the new season.

As manager-coach his task will lean towards management, with last year's skipper Ian Rathmell, a proven on-field motivator, being named as assistant coach presumably to prepare the side physically.

George Potter has joined the "Azzurri" from local rivals Lions, and all of last year's squad have been retained though two, winger Willie Conner and reserve keeper Bob Barlow, have been transfer listed.

Negotiations are taking place overseas and it is hoped to bring in a couple of experienced performers.

Some local youngsters have been invited along to pre-season training but as yet no definite signings have been announced though manager Saftich would have been disappointed with John Nyakohus' decision to stay in Adelaide.

With everything quietly but effectively moving towards betterment it could be that 1979 will see a "new" Brisbane City emerge, on the march at last.

If PSL soccer is to be a success in Brisbane the Italian legions are needed in the grounds, and it could be that the new power men are building the strong foundations required for this to happen.

Time will tell, of course, but it is obvious to all that no effort is going to be spared in providing a winning team, a surefire equation that guarantees success at the turnstiles.
Jim Binnie

Sutherland officials hope that the club's new sponsor will help bring the crowds to Seymour Shaw this year. The "VOICE" newspaper has backed the club for 1979, both financially and with equipment, and will reach even more people with its message to "watch soccer".

Last week at training Monaro's WALTER VALERI reported a pain in his shoulder, and after examination by a doctor it was discovered that he had a form of lung infection. This could put Walter out of action for a few weeks, and we wish him a speedy recovery.

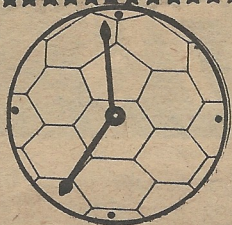
LORETTA DE PAOLI, wife of Inter Monaro defender FLAVIO, is expecting the couple's first child within the next two weeks.

Sutherland have gained the temporary services of former St George and Canberra City man JOHN STODDART. John, on a free clearance from City, is helping the Sharks through a player drought, and the club hopes that they will be able to sign him up on a long term basis.

Contrary to rumors, SEBASTIAN GIAMPAOLO is not on the Inter Monaro transfer list, having re-signed with the club three weeks ago. Sebastian will stay with Monaro for at least another year as a result.

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Conducted by Val Hokin
and Emmanuel Kanna



Ashcroft (3rd Div.) has appointed a new coach for the coming season. He is Arthur Townsend, an ex-Guildford player. The Ashcroft club were prepared to field three grades this season, but Federation has decided third division will consist of two grades only.

Greenwich's (3rd Div.) new manager of their senior squad is Jim Mugent. Jim, an ardent club supporter and club treasurer, will be assisted by Mrs. Fran Campbell. The club has retained Tony Lucie as senior coach for the coming season.

Ryde District (3rd Div.) have engaged the former reserve coach for Ku-ring-gai, Ian Westbrook. The club played its first trial matches last Sunday, with many young players trying out.

Fairfield Kiev (4th Div.) have former Polonia star Tony Komoder as their new coach. Tony was Kiev's coach two seasons ago. The club has received financial backing from their licensed club and its aim for 1979 is promotion.

North Rocks (4th Div.) have appointed Fred Dayney, formerly with Blacktown Wanderers, as coach. Fred earlier coached Toongabbie, Blacktown and district teams. He also played for the Maltese international team. In Australia he played for Auburn and Melita and also represented NSW.

Baulkham Hills' (Second Div.) 1978 "Senior Sportsman of the Year" award went to 23-year-old John Martin who played a successful and consistent season in no less than eight positions, including goalkeeper. The club's junior sportsman of the year award went to 16-year-old Geoff Perl, who has shown great promise for the future.

Nostalgia will be the focal point of the "Back to Guildford Night" to be held by the Guildford County (Wanderers) Soccer and Recreation Club on Saturday, February 24. Present committee members have the task of contacting as many past members and players as possible over the next few weeks. The club is the oldest existing in the district, formed in 1928 by Sam Knowles, Sr., and Frank Quimby. Originally known as Guildford Congs., playing at Springfield Park, a change was made to Guildford Wanderers in 1932, using "Bells Paddock" as their home ground, which now is a residential in Mountford Ave., Guildford. The club moved to its present site, Guildford Park, in 1937. Fielding 23 teams in the 1978 season saw the club maintaining its high standard of coaching with the usual friendly atmosphere. The year also saw an amalgamation with the Smithfield-based Prospect County Soccer Club, hence the new name of Guildford County. The basic history of the club is known but must have been lost with the changing committees over the past 51 years. The club has undertaken to produce a complete book on club history. Past members and players who would be able to help with club history and past members are asked to contact the assistant secretary, Val Hokin, on 604-3193. Information is especially needed from the years 1928 to 1968.

Winston Hills' (6th Div.) player-coach Noel Telfer feels confident in his task this season with such players as Tony Watkins, ex-Guildford striker, a hard-working creative midfielder player and Phil Marks, ex-Bankstown, a very speedy and hard tackling player. Also available is Philip Pilkington, a 19-year-old defender who is one of the best prospects in the district for his age. This player's outstanding ability possibly would earn him a spot in a higher grade but the lad is happy to play with his club. The general coaching manager of the club, Vince Blazan, is aiming to blend youth and experience into the side and with these three players as a nucleus, the club should do well.

Paddington Spanish (4th Div.) has appointed Guillermo Martin as coach for the new season. Martin was with Paddington two seasons ago when the club won the premiership. With many new players already recruited, the future seems to be bright for the club.

The new coach of Ryde District (4th Div.) is the former reserve coach of Ku-ring-gai, Ian Westbrook. The club's senior teams held their first trials, with many young players giving a promising impression for '79.

Greenwich (3rd Div.) have selected a new manager for their senior squad. He is Jim Mugent, an ardent club supporter, and he will be assisted by Mrs. Fran Campbell. Tony Lucie has been retained as the senior coach for the coming season.

Fairfield Kiev (4th Div.) have engaged Tony Komoder as the coach for '79. Tony, formerly from Polonia, was Kiev's coach two seasons ago. The club has received financial backing from their licensed club and their aim for 1979 is promotion.

Guildford County (2nd Div.) have retained the services of Jim Christie as the club's senior Federation coach for this season. Graeme Vibert will be the third grade coach with Don Hokin the overall senior manager.

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CLUB PATROL

Edited by Stephen Dettre

Two of Yugal's travelling players are now back with the club and eager to maintain first team spots. DAVID TRAVINI spent six months in Yugoslavia last year, training periodically with First Division side Rijeka to keep fit. Also, DUSAN PURAC is back after a short holiday at the end of last season.

Marrickville Olympic are hoping for big things from their new winger, JOEY RAMAGE, bought recently from Blacktown for a hefty fee. In his first outing for the club he performed well, and once he settled down could well be an outstanding asset.

Melita are still negotiating with Marconi about the possible transfer of GARY MARSDEN. Gary was with Melita last year, on loan from the PSL club, but Raul Blanco would like him as a permanent player.

Immense trouble could soon hit the NSW Federation due to a lack of referees and linesmen. According to a reliable source the referees this year will enforce the rule that they must have two linesmen to start a match. Last year, and for many years, referees in lower divisions have been doing an afternoon's work without even one linesman, thus creating many problems, even for top referees. This mainly applies to lower divisions, such as Fourth, Fifth and so on, and the result of this decision by the referees could mean that many of these matches won't be started.

Two new players with Yugal this year are former Hakoah youth players. PETER BERRY, the first choice keeper, played amateur football last year, and at 21 still has a good career in front of him. TOM WEINER, also a goalie, will be the second grade 'keeper, pushing Berry to retain the top spot.

Revesby stalwart and former first grader KEVIN OPENSHAW, who was a member of the team when Revesby first joined the Federation, has rejoined the club as second grade coach.

Arncliffe Scots have regained two former players, DEREK SIDNEY and ALAN PIGGOT. Both players were with Auburn last year, but have had previous connections with Scots over the past few years.

Revesby Workers' exposure through the promotion play-off series and now in the Ampol Cup has once again drawn attention to their captain-coach, GREG BYLES. His pin-point passes and inspiring leadership prove what a pity it is that he is unavailable to play top class football.

BRUNO GALLO, with Croatia these days, is the physiotherapist to the Australian XI for the match against Wisla on Sunday week. He has previously attended to Australian team players for matches against Manchester City, Manchester United and Hearts.

BRANKO KARANFILOVSKI, the talented young Yugal striker, has settled his dispute with the club and should be a permanent first team member this year. Branko was in the first team during 1977 but was then transfer listed last year and played no football. Now he is back and lively as ever up front.

Marconi have lost the sponsorship of ROSSO ANTICO but are already negotiating with a likely successor.

St. George's new Yugoslav midfielder STEFAN MATIC arrived last week. Originally from Ljubljana, Matic, 25, played with Sparta Rotterdam and Bolivar of La Paz, Bolivia, in recent seasons.

Next month's ASF executive meeting is likely to reverse a PSL decision and instruct all clubs to have one under-19 player in their match squad each week.

PETER SCOTT, former soccer writer of the Jewish Times, is now the full-time manager of the NSW Basketball Association.

Two young second graders who could soon force their way into first team calculations at Inter Monaro are goalkeeper HANS-PETER FRANZENACK and defender TOM SESELJA.

RALPH COATES, who guested for St. George last year, is settled with Orient in the English second division and has decided not to return to Australia.

Arncliffe Scots had two junior teams in 1977 — this year it'll be an amazing 14. An extra grant of \$4000 from the Sports and Social Club is a recognition of the club's junior development. Trials for boys 15-21 will be held at Evatt Park, Lugarno, on Friday and Saturday — for details ring Dave Dorian, 771-4843. He is also keen to find a good masseur. Meanwhile, the senior club has also secured a substantial sponsorship, details of which will be announced soon.

Former APIA, St. George and Auburn goalkeeper BRIAN TAYLOR is likely to sign with Ku-ring-gai as reserve grade 'keeper to back up the talented STEVE VELIS, a local Hornsby lad.

Remember SACHA PERRY, the excellent former Prague and Yugal winger? He is now, at 29, the sweeper of Pagewood and still enjoying his soccer as much as ever. The club would like to recruit some more players for 1979 to realise their ambitions in Div. 5.

Former Pan Hellenic striker HECTOR MARTINEZ, last season with Croatia-Deakin, is back in Sydney and available at a modest fee. Clubs interested should ring him on 559-4696(H) or 231-6099 (W).

LES SCHEINFLUG's assistant at Marconi is the veteran, LUCIANO NESTI, who was with the club before briefly trying his luck in Brisbane.

LIVIO SATTORRETO is the new fulltime Marconi soccer secretary-manager in charge of promotions and publicity.

APIA have signed for a reported \$40,000 ROSARIO RAMPANTI, 30, from the Italian club, Bologna. Last season Rampanti played on loan with second division side Brescia while earlier he starred for many years for crack clubs AC Torino and AC Napoli. A midfielder, Rampanti played three times for the Italian national "B" team.

Arncliffe Scots will be minus GREG WARNER for the season. He is engaged in promotional work for his employers and regretfully had to stand down.

BRIAN EMERY's reports on the Young Australians' SOUTH AMERICAN matches will be included in 2UE's news bulletins. Before leaving Sydney team members were heard on 2SM being interviewed.

Sutherland made a bargain buy last week when they signed up former Hakoah man BOBBY SMITH for \$2,500. Bobby will be used in midfield to do the job that JOHNNY WATKISS carried out.

Sutherland are at present operating on a skeleton playing staff, with several regulars not playing. Three players are overseas, with MARK HARRINGTON and NEIL MALONE in Europe on holidays, and CRAIG HALL in South America with the Young Socceroos.

A couple of young second graders got a chance for a first team run last week with Sutherland. NEIL TASKER and TONY MURPHY, both only 20, played in the Bankstown game, with Murphy scoring a goal.

DEATH OF ALEX PAMUK

Soccer lost a great old friend with the death this week of Alex (Sandor) Pamuk, former St George-Budapest committee member.

As part-owner of New Life Printery, at Marrickville, Alex was for many years in charge of printing SOCCER WORLD.

To his widow, Annus and daughter, Suzy, we send our most heartfelt condolences.

Sutherland's "Prodigal Son", MAL HAYNES, has resumed light training and is hopeful of defeating a nagging knee injury. Mal has steadfastly refused to admit defeat by the injury and has undergone physiotherapy for the past 10 months, three times a week. Mal will be sitting on the bench for first grade during the coming weeks as a safety back-up for PHIL CRAGGS.

Inter Monaro's new signing, IAN HEYWOOD, suffered a groin strain in the draw with Marconi last week and had to be replaced towards the end of the game. The club is hopeful that he will be fit by this weekend.

PETER KATHOLOS received his reward for ability and persistence when he was added to the touring team. Although he was told he was not required in the last sifting out of players, he kept turning up at training and was the logical man to come in when Raskopoulos withdrew.

There are some new faces on the Inter Monaro committee this year as a result of a reshuffle in the club set-up. The soccer branch has been brought closer back to the mother club, the Marco Polo Club, with the result that the social club president, LAURIE SARTORETTO, is also the soccer president. Two of the club's stalwarts have remained, though, in secretary TONY REALE and public relations man JOE CHIERA.

PETER BEGGS, Sutherland's industrious striker, has now moved house and is living in the Sutherland area. Peter also has a job on the Voice newspaper as an advertising salesman.

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NSW COUNTRY CATCHING ON

The formation of Country Soccer Leagues on a spectator-drawing level is to be one of the major aims of the 1980 "Century Year of Australian Soccer".

Northern NSW has been actively exploring the field, NSW will soon start planning, and the ACT has asked that it be permitted to expand into adjacent areas of Southern NSW.

ASF president Sir Arthur George has suggested to these three soccer States that they meet to determine how best to provide a service for all country areas involved.

Queensland's ambitious new State League will begin this year. Leading Brisbane and Gold Coast clubs will compete with clubs as far afield as Mareeba, Townsville, Rockhampton and Bundaberg.

Tasmania, certainly no soccer giant, is pleased with the better competition that their State League has provided.

Which way should the NSW-ACT bodies move?

There is no possibility of a far-flung State league such as Queensland has started.

It would be practicable, given drive from the administration, to involve major towns in Western, Southern NSW-Riverina, and ACT-Southern Tablelands and South Coast in separate divisions.

The amateurs, schools, and the spin-off from migration and movement of city people to country areas have produced a foundation on which clubs can be built.

With the aid of enthusiastic administrators and coaches, meetings can be called and contacts made to bring in Federal and State politicians, local government and business people.

They are all vitally needed for a successful expansion drive.

Inter-town and city rivalry is the other means by which the movement must be fanned.

If initial contacts are made within the next two months with the soccer officials in the country, then there is time to get the first competitions on the road in 1980.

It is remarkable just how junior soccer has been gradually working its way through the whole NSW countryside.

At this level talent is being unearthed. Now the entrepreneurs, promoters and management people are needed if soccer is to compete in the field for its due share of public support.

Many cities and towns have TV stations and strong radio and

local newspapers, and they will provide much of the impetus when they see soccer as the developing game.

It must be realised that Philips or State League standards will not appear overnight.

Yet once the competitions get on the road they will generate higher standards — even a 25 per cent improvement could be expected by the second year.

Amongst the towns that should be approached are:

Western NSW: Katroomba, Lithgow, Bathurst, Orange, Forbes, Parkes, Cowra, Mudgee, Wellington, Dubbo, etc.

ACT-Tablelands-South Coast: Major ACT clubs, Goulburn, Nowra, Cooma, and major Illawarra clubs.

Southern-Riverina: Albury, Wagga, Griffith, Leeton, Narran-

dera, Young, Temora, Gundagai, Cootamundra, Junee, etc.

Costs of running such a big organisation would have to come from fund-raising drives by the members.

The show would be worthy of major sponsorship from a firm or firms who were prepared to come in on the ground level, and each club could secure its own local sponsorships from businesses and from licensed clubs.

Transport would mainly be by coach.

The potential of so many country towns has not been realised.

The Albury-Wodonga complex will shortly have 50,000 residents.

In the south, Wagga has 33,000, Goulburn 22,000, Nowra 15,000 and Griffith 12,000 people.

The biggest of the westerners

are Orange 26,000, Dubbo 22,000, Bathurst 19,000, Lithgow 13,000, and Katoomba 12,000.

There are many others, and in addition there is another 50 per cent on such figures to cover the nearby district population.

Lower Blue Mountains have substantial soccer support, and don't forget that satellites such as Campbelltown are planned for 100,000 people before the turn of the century.

It will be no easy task to set up these competitions, but without them soccer will inevitably stagnate no matter what effort goes in at international, national and State League levels.

And, when they are established, club competitions will surely spread to the next range of towns, putting the pressure on for more progress still.

Keith Gilmour

YOUTH IS OUT IN NEWCASTLE

Newcastle will have a 20-player first team squad but no youth team this year.

No one is more concerned about this than the club itself.

With the Sydney PSL teams entering the Sydney-orientated NSW First Division, Newcastle is out on a limb.

They attempted to enter the proposed Northern NSW State League, but this will not be held as only they and five other clubs were felt to be of the necessary standard.

It was impossible from the practical viewpoint to play in the Northern NSW League: They would have had to start out with three teams and play in the Fifth Division!

Imagine Mike Boogard, Peter Tredinnick or for that matter Philips League leading scorer Kenny Boden playing all-age...

The best they can do would be to give the best of the lads dual registration to leading Northern League clubs, calling upon them if the necessity arises.

Actually, nobody would be harmed if they were accepted as a one or two team unit into the NSW First Division, which will be lopsided at 15 teams.

Two former England Youth internationals, Graham Heyes and

David Jones, and former Bolton youngster Ian Seddon, joined the club last week.

Jones has been in Australia before, having played a season in Melbourne with Ringwood City.

Club officials are overjoyed at the signing of attacking mid-fielder-striker Jim McBreen from premiers Edgworth.

McBreen came out from England a few years back, and is very highly regarded.

Newcastle have completed terms with Adamstown for Malcolm McClelland's transfer.

McClelland came to attention over his much-publicised brush with national coach Rudy Gutendorf, and he paid the penalty.

However, he has great talent, and it is now up to him to capitalise on it.

Young Australia player Graham Jennings could soon be transferred to Newcastle from the same club.

Brett Cowburn was another youngster in Newcastle coach Alan Vest's sights, but regrettably he seems to have decided to stay at Awaba, the lakeside home club.

He could still prove a force in top soccer if he comes along within the next year.

And, in spite of the rumours, Lloyd Harges will be staying with the club and could prove one of the season's successes.

Canberra City

The Canberra City Player Development Fund, established late last year, is still in operation. Sponsors can assist by donating \$100 to the club. In return they will receive free admission plus two VIP grandstand seats at every home League and Cup match in 1979.

The recent Canberra City Christmas car raffle raised a staggering \$18,000 for the club. \$5000 of this contributed to the purchase of Steve Hoszowski, the ex-Auburn goalkeeper. For the coming season the Supporters Club has regained the rights to sell refreshments at Bruce Stadium after losing the rights in 1978 to commercial caterers.

The Canberra City Club intends to form a subsidiary sports segments. Golf, darts and fishing clubs are mooted, while further suggestions will be welcomed by the house committee.



Brian Stoddart

The CC team expect to be training under newly installed floodlights at the Bruce Stadium training pitch. Poor lighting of suburban grounds in Canberra hampered training sessions in the past of not only the CC team but local clubs as well. If the Bruce Stadium itself could be floodlit, night fixtures would be an instant success.

Canberrans are justly proud of the selection of Danny Moulis, Mike Milovanovic and Steven Hogg in the Young Australia team. The CC contingent is the largest from any single club.

Since the inception of the PSL the Canberra City team has scored a total of 64 goals in Philips League, Philips Cup and Prime Minister's Cup games. The team scored 25 goals in 1977 and 39 goals in 1978. The most prolific scorer for the club is Ivan Gruic with a total of 14 over two seasons, although Terry Byrne in second place scored 12 goals in his first season with the club last year.

More information for statisticians and the superstitious. Canberra City's "easiest" opponents has been the Brisbane City team. In four encounters over the last two years the Canberrans have won three and lost one match. Conversely, the "bogey" opponents of CC is the Sydney City club. After four PSL fixtures the Bondi outfit is undefeated, blemishing their copybook in 1977 at Bruce Stadium when they were held to a 0-0 draw.

Canberra City's first overseas import of the season, Scotsman Isaac Farrell flew into steamy Canberra from snow-bound Britain. The 20-year-old mid-fielder from Motherwell recalled with enthusiasm the occasion when he played for his former club against Mexico in the fabled Aztec Stadium, before Mexico's participation in the last World Cup.

— P. Kunz

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MARCONI	Rale Rasic	Les Scheinflug
ST GEORGE	Joe Vlasits	Joe Gelei
APIA/WESTS*	Mike Laing	Jim Adam
OLYMPIC	Joe Marston	Joe Marston
ADELAIDE CITY	Les Scheinflug	Rale Rasic
WEST ADELAIDE	Jim Adam	Tom Forde
BRISBANE LIONS	Julius Vincze	Eddie Spearitt
BRISBANE CITY	Ian Rathmel	Nereo Saftich
NEWCASTLE	Alan Vest	Alan Vest
CANBERRA	John Warren	Vic Fernandez
FOOTSCRAY	Cerdo Cerkovic	Cerdo Cerkovic
SOUTH MELBOURNE	Dave Maclaren	Dave Maclaren

*In 1978 club in PSL was Western Suburbs.

ADELAIDE

— By Vic Migliaccio —

"We thank the gods that Adelaide City and West Adelaide have returned to compete in the Ampol Cup this year," said a supporter at the Hindmarsh Stadium last Friday night.

Nearly 8000 supporters have attended the two opening nights and watched some very exciting soccer, a change from the past two Cup series when Adelaide City and West Adelaide did not compete.

I very much doubt if for the past two years the attendance average per match exceeded 1200. This clearly indicates that the two PSL clubs are the force of SA soccer.

Results from the first two rounds: ED Azzurri 1 (V. Symthe), Polonia 0; Adelaide City 1 (o.g.), Enfield Victoria 2 (Boyle, Tufts); Cumberland 1 (Lean), Croatia (Hayes) 1; West Adelaide 2 (Koulianos, Lanzoni), Elizabeth 1 (Henderson).

Adelaide City used only six PSL squad players: Migliaccio, Dodds, Besir, Miller, Melita and Marshall, while West Adelaide had eight PSL squad players: Crook, Batchelor, Tymczyszyn, Dooley, Koulianos, Dedes, Lorenzoni, and McGregor.

Ampol have made available \$6000 for this year's series —

\$4000 will go to the Cup winners and the runner-up club will receive \$2000. Once again The Advertiser and Parabanks Sport store award will be shared among the three best players for the Cup. The award is worth \$1200 in cash, the best player of the series will receive \$600, second \$400 and third \$200. Also, the Professional Players' Association (SA) will present a weekly award to the player of the night, with equipment donated by Puma.

Adelaide City PSL squad player, 22-year-old Phil Russo, a defender, has joined Rothmans first division Club Campbelltown for \$3000.

On Monday, February 5, former Scottish international, now Adelaide City star striker Dixie Deans, will meet an old friend, the great Rod Stewart (now on his Australian tour). Dixie has not seen the superstar for two years.

West Adelaide iron man Con Kampas has not yet reported for training and his future with the club is very much a cloud. West's publicity officer Con Daskalos said he thought that Kampas was training privately.

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GROUP 1:

Denmark v Ireland	3-3
Ireland v Nth. Ireland	0-0
Denmark v England	3-4
Denmark v Bulgaria	2-2
Ireland v England	1-1
Nth. Ireland v Denmark	2-1
Bulgaria v Nth. Ireland	0-2
W D L F A P	
Nth. Ireland	2 1 — 4 1 5
England	1 — — 5 4 3
Denmark	— 2 2 9 11 2
Bulgaria	— 1 1 2 4 1

7/2: England v Nth. Ireland
2/5: Nth. Ireland v Bulgaria
2/5: Ireland v Denmark
23/5: Bulgaria v Ireland
6/6: Bulgaria v England
6/6: Denmark v Nth. Ireland
12/9: England v Denmark
17/10: Ireland v Bulgaria
31/10: Bulgaria v Denmark
21/11: England v Bulgaria
21/11: Nth. Ireland v Ireland
6/2/80: England v Ireland

GROUP 2:

Norway v Austria	0-2
Belgium v Norway	1-1
Austria v Scotland	3-2
Portugal v Belgium	1-1
Scotland v Norway	3-2
Austria v Portugal	1-2
Portugal v Scotland	1-0
W D L F A P	
Portugal	2 1 — 4 2 5
Austria	2 — 1 6 4 4
Scotland	1 — 2 5 6 2
Norway	— 1 2 3 6 1

7/2: Scotland v Belgium
28/3: Belgium v Austria
2/5: Austria v Belgium
10/5: Norway v Portugal
7/6: Norway v Scotland
29/8: Austria v Norway
12/9: Norway v Belgium
17/10: Belgium v Portugal
17/10: Scotland v Austria
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6/2/80: Scotland v Portugal

GROUP 3:

Yugoslavia v Spain	1-2
Rumania v Yugoslavia	3-2
Spain v Rumania	1-0
Spain v Cyprus	5-0
W D L F A P	
Spain	3 — — 8 1 6
Rumania	1 — 1 3 3 2
Yugoslavia	— — 2 3 5 —
Cyprus	— — 1 — 5 —

1/4: Cyprus v Yugoslavia
4/4: Rumania v Spain
13/5: Cyprus v Rumania
10-10: Spain v Yugoslavia
31/10: Yugoslavia v Rumania
14/11: Yugoslavia v Cyprus
18/11: Rumania v Cyprus
9/12: Cyprus v Spain

GROUP 4:

Iceland v Poland	0-2
Holland v Iceland	3-0
E. Germany v Iceland	3-1
Switzerland v Holland	1-3
Holland v E. Germany	3-0
Poland v Switzerland	2-0
W D L F A P	
Holland	3 — — 9 1 6
Poland	2 — — 4 — 4
E. Germany	1 — 1 3 4 2
Switzerland	— — 2 1 5 —
Iceland	— — 3 1 8 —

28/3: Holland v Switzerland
18/4: East Germany v Poland
2/5: Poland v Holland
5/5: Switzerland v East Germany
22/5: Switzerland v Iceland
9/6: Iceland v Switzerland
5/9: Iceland v Holland
12/9: Iceland v East Germany
12/9: Switzerland v Poland
26/9: Poland v East Germany
10/10: Poland v Iceland
13/10: East Germany v Switzerland
17/10: Holland v Poland
21/11: East Germany v Holland

GROUP 5:

France v Sweden	2-2
Sweden v Czechoslovakia	1-2
Luxembourg v France	1-3
W D L F A P	
France	1 1 — 5 3 3
Czechoslovakia	1 — — 3 1 2
Sweden	— 1 1 3 5 1
Luxembourg	— — 1 1 3 —

18/2: France v Luxembourg
4/4: Czechoslovakia v France
1/5: Luxembourg v Czechoslovakia
13/5: Sweden v Luxembourg
5/9: Sweden v France
10/10: Czechoslovakia v Sweden
23/10: Luxembourg v Sweden
17/11: France v Czechoslovakia
24/11: Czechoslovakia v Luxembourg

GROUP 6:

Finland v Greece	3-0
Finland v Hungary	2-1
USSR v Greece	2-0
Hungary v USSR	2-0
Greece v Finland	8-1
Greece v Hungary	4-1
W D L F A P	
Finland	2 — 1 6 9 4
Greece	2 — 2 12 7 4
USSR	1 — 1 2 2 2
Hungary	1 — 2 4 6 2

2/5: Hungary v Greece
19/5: USSR v Hungary
4/7: Finland v USSR
12/9: Greece v USSR
17/10: Hungary v Finland
31/10: USSR v Finland

GROUP 7:

Wales v Malta	7-0
Wales v Turkey	1-0
W D L F A P	
Wales	2 — — 8 — 4
West Germany	— — — — —
Turkey	— — 1 — 1 —
Malta	— — 1 — 7 —

25/2: Malta v West Germany
18/3: Turkey v Malta
1/4: Turkey v West Germany
2/5: Wales v West Germany
2/6: Malta v Wales
17/10: West Germany v Wales
28/10: Malta v Turkey
21/11: Turkey v Wales
22/12: West Germany v Turkey
27/2/80: West Germany v Malta

GAUCHO STAR HAS WON HIS SPURS

As the season goes on, it is beginning to look as if Tottenham's enterprising £750,000 gamble on a couple of World Cup Argentinians is paying handsome dividends.

And not only for Spurs themselves, but for their 21 First Division rivals.

For, while the silky skills of Osvaldo Ardiles are slowly-but-surely edging Spurs up the table after a stuttering start, it seems "getting a sight of him" is fast becoming a priority for opposing supporters.

How else does one account for the fact the "Away-Day Spurs" are this season taking over from the likes of Liverpool, Manchester United and Forest as the number one League crowd-pullers wherever they visit.

This term, with just over a third of their away fixtures played, they averaged 37,269.

Over the same period European Cup-holders Liverpool averaged 35,112; League Champions Nottingham Forest 34,055 and Everton 33,333.

Also, over that same period, it must be recorded that all three are still quite a bit better placed than Spurs... so, all things considered, "Ossie" and Ricardo Villa must surely be the missing link.

At the very start of the season, obviously novelty-value played its part. Argentina had just won the World Cup — and millions of TV watchers had seen them in action.

But novelty-value, alone, soon wears off — and Senior Ardiles has since had to put in more than a mere token appearance on the pitch to draw the crowds.

The fact that he has — plus the fact that his countryman, Ricardo Villa, when sidelined as sub, has continually been urged on to the pitch by spectators — more than vindicates manager Keith Burkinshaw's shrewd, if costly, move.

It seems as if "Ossie" Ardiles is moving into George Best's class as a crowd-puller.

He dictates play with his superb, subtle, precise football. He is a thoughtful player, which is not surprising for he's been studying law at Cordoba University for four years... and is returning next close-season to take his final exams.

It was while there, incidentally, "Ossie" first played soccer in earnest, subsequently joining Huracan in 1975, and winning 45 international caps.

Another Ardiles' asset is that, in a personal sense, he's settled-in well — with a good-natured sense of humor.

Says manager Keith Burkinshaw: "I knew the Argentinian lads would find things a bit different, even difficult, at first — but the way 'Ossie' has adapted, and fitted-in, so quickly has really amazed me.

"If it proves anything, it's that a great player is, or soon can be, a great player in whatever part of the world he plays. However different the environment and conditions... genuine talent, like that of Ardiles, can never be stifled."

England manager Ron Greenwood welcomes imports, within reason.

So do many other people in the game, realising our own youngsters can benefit from the experience of playing alongside, or against, the best of the rest as well as our own top men.

Ardiles proves their point. A boost to his club, an amiable companion to his team-mates, a hit with the fans — and a drawing-card to bring vital extra cash through the turnstiles.

Tottenham's gamble was courageous. By its sheer surprise and boldness, it deserved to pay off.

(— from "SHOOT", London)

ARABS UPSET WITH CRAMER

Detmar Cramer, the former FIFA and Bayern Munchen coach, is having a lean time in Saudi Arabia.

His club, Ittihad, is placed fifth in a 10-team competition despite having bought three foreign stars.

Arab club officials are rather unhappy with Cramer's results.

"That's not what we are paying \$13,000 a month for," said one, "Even a local Arab could get us to fifth place."

"Cramer is undoubtedly a good coach but his methods have not taken into account the realities of our country."

Cramer is tight-lipped about the criticism. However, it wouldn't come as a major surprise if soon he packed his bags, counted his rolls of banknotes and returned to the more placid, though less flashy, Bundesliga.

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